

Oswald Literature Distribution-WDSU film and stills
Charles Bell Steele, Jr; 3rd man

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Paul Hoch points out that, if taken literally, the attached FBI report (SD 73:627) says that Steele said that the six stills from WDSU's film do not show the other men helping with the pamphleteering.

It is, of course, also possible that the FBI reporting is not as faithful as it should have been.

However, this report also reflects early official knowledge of the 3rd man and, with the question of conspiracy so vital (and so urgently to be avoided) makes more culpable the failure to really seek him. Note that one of the glaring omissions in the report is any indication that a description of the third man was either sought or gotten from Steele, when it was relatively fresh in his mind.

This report also confirms that it was Rush who provided the stills, and that the FBI had them early enough to be showing them to witnesses by 11/26/63.

Is it not also strange that this report discloses no official interest in how or why Steele was helping the man by then believed to have been the assassin of the President of the United States? Or anything he may have seen, heard or guessed about the "assassin".

However, this allusion to what is not shown in the sets of six still WDSU pictures is inconsistent with what I recall from reports earlier sent you, that they do seem to show someone else helping Oswald. I'd be inclined to believe Steele, who's impressed me as intending honesty and no exaggerations.

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CHARLES HALL STEELE, JR., 1488 Madrid Street, was contacted at his residence. Six photographs furnished by JOHANN RUSH, WDSU-TV, of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and other individuals passing out handbills in front of the International Trade Mart at the corner of Camp and Common Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 16, 1963 were exhibited to STEELE. STEELE stated that he was assisting OSWALD in passing out handbills at the International Trade Mart on August 16, 1963 and recognized OSWALD and himself in the photographs.

STEELE stated that there was another white male helping them pass out handbills but did not recognize this individual in any of the photographs.

On 11/26/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # 89-69

by SA JAMES M. SCHEFFER /lav Date dictated 11/26/63

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